

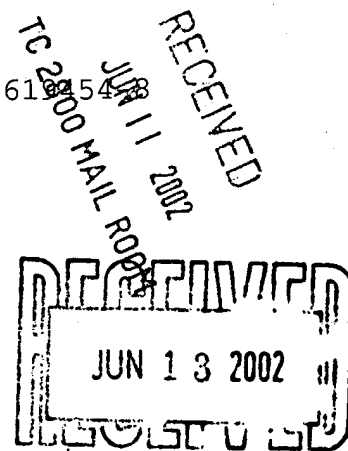


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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:



In accordance with the Applicant's duty to disclose information which may be material to the examination of this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that the Examiner consider on the merits the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified) before issuing the first Office Action on the merits. We are enclosing herewith a copy of each document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified).

The documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified) include those cited in the International Search Report for the corresponding PCT application no. PCT/JP00/04641. A copy of the International Search Report (3 pages) is enclosed herewith.

Please note that the Japanese documents cited in the enclosed Search Report were previously submitted in an IDS filed on April 8, 2002 for the subject application. Therefore, copies of these documents are not included with this IDS. This IDS is being filed to supplement the IDS filed on April 8, 2002, in which the Applicant submitted the Japanese documents equivalent to the U.S. and European documents cited in this IDS.

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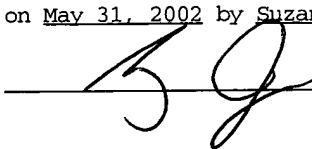
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issuance of a first Office Action on the merits and before the issuance of a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance. Therefore, no official fees should be due; and this IDS should be considered on the merits. If this IDS is being submitted after the issuance of the first Office Action on the merits and before the issuance of a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance, please contact the undersigned to authorize a payment of \$180.00 (or any other required amount), which is the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c).

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